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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Volker MARKS

Serial No.: 10/799,489 Confirmation No.: 8391

Filed: 03/12/2004

**For: DISHWASHER HAVING A WATER SOFTENER
WITH A SALT CONTAINER LOCATED IN THE
DISHWASHER DOOR**

Examiner: (Not yet known)

Art Unit: 1746

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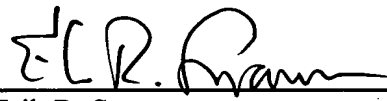
Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws. All references were cited in a Search Report, dated January 13, 2004, from the German Patent and Trademark Office, a copy and a brief translation of which are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b), before the mailing date of a First Office Action, therefore no fee is believed due. If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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Brief Translation of German Search Report for DE 103 11 126.3:

German Patent- and Trademark Office, 80297 Munich

Munich, January 13, 2004

For the applicant(s)

Application No. 103 11 126.3

Search Report

A. Classification of subject matter of application according to International Patent Classification (IPC)

IPC 07
A 47 L 15/42
C 02 F 1/42

B. Fields of search

Class/Group	Examiner	Patent Department
A 47 L 15/42	DIETER TSCHERNIK	15
A 47 L 15/420		

C. Result of search

Cat.	Determination	Comments	Concerning Claims	IPC / Source of Information
Y	DE 41 00 067 C1	Fig. 1	1	
Y	DE 40 36 046 A	Fig.	1	
Y	DE 14 28 445 A	Fig.	1	
Y	DE 85 11 185 U1	Claim 1	1	
Y	DE 18 83 789 U	Fig.	1	
Y	DE 18 59 591 U	Fig. 2	1	

Explanation of Section C. Result of Search

Column: Cat(egory)

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Y: Documents that together with other documents call into question the presence of an inventive activity (§ 43 PatG) / an inventive step (§ 7 GebrMG)

A: General prior art, technological background

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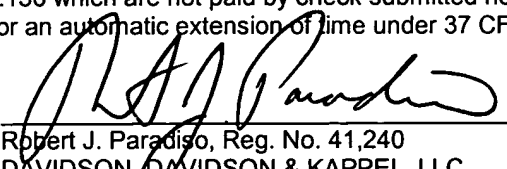
Transmitted herewith is a **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 (3 pages) and copies of cited references** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☒ Other: **German Search Report of Priority Document DE 103 11 126.3 (3 pages) and brief translation of German Search Report (1 page)**
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of **\$0.00** is/are attached to cover:
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☐ Other:
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.


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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" on July 9, 2004.
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	AB	1	4	2	8	4	4	5	Jan. 9, 1969	DE-Germany			see brief translation of German Search Report	
	AC	8	5	1	1	1	8	5	Jul. 4, 1985	DE-Germany			see brief translation of German Search Report	
	AD	1	8	8	3	7	8	9	Nov. 28, 1963	DE-Germany			see brief translation of German Search Report	
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